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SERIAL NO.: 09/839,760

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FOR: CIGARETTE FILTERS OF SHAPED
MICRO CAVITY FIBERS
IMPREGNATED WITH FLAVORANT
MATERIALS

ART UNIT: 1731

EXAMINER: D. A. WALLS

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated December 18, 2003, kindly amend the above identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this response.